



CASCADE LOCKS

Oregon scraps Nestlé water rights deal

Hillary Borrud *The Oregonian/OregonLive*

Nestlé Waters’ plan to bottle water from a spring near Cascade Locks appears to be dead, after Gov. Kate Brown directed state officials to stop an exchange of water rights that was crucial to the deal.

In a letter to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife on Friday, the governor asked the department’s director to stop the exchange for fiscal rather than environmental reasons. The agency will comply with the governor’s request, spokeswoman Michelle Dennehy said on Monday.

Brown did not say how much it cost state agencies, including the Oregon Water Resources Department, to work on the water rights exchange. But she said it would require “significant staff resources and legal costs” going forward.

“This is of particular concern given the uncertainty around the city’s plans for a Nestlé plant,” Brown wrote, referring to a local ban on such plants. Voters in Hood River County passed a measure in May 2016 to ban large water-bottling operations.

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife holds water rights to Oxbow Springs, which it uses to supply a salmon hatchery. Two months after Brown took office in 2015, the state agreed to a deal to transfer those rights to Nestlé Waters in exchange for the city of Cascade Locks’ well water rights.

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RUSSIA INVESTIGATION

FIRST CHARGES HANDED DOWN



Paul Manafort leaves Federal District Court in Washington on Monday. Manafort, President Donald Trump’s former campaign chairman, and Manafort’s business associate Rick Gates, below, have pleaded not guilty to charges that they funneled payments through foreign companies and bank accounts as part of their private political work in Ukraine. Associated Press photos

Former Trump campaign chairman, two others receive criminal indictments in Mueller’s inquiry

Special Counsel Robert Mueller on Monday announced criminal charges against three former Trump campaign aides, the first grand jury indictments to come from inquiries into possible Russian influence in U.S. politics. • Onetime campaign chairman Paul Manafort and his longtime business partner Rick Gates pleaded not guilty to charges including conspiracy to launder money and making false statements in connection with their work advising a Russia-friendly political party in Ukraine. • Former Trump foreign policy adviser George Papadopoulos admitted to making a false statement to FBI investigators who asked about his contacts with a foreigner claiming to have high-level Russian connections. — From wire reports

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NEVADA STANDOFF

Trial starts for Cliven Bundy, sons who came to Oregon

Maxine Bernstein *The Oregonian/OregonLive*

LAS VEGAS — The federal trial against Nevada cattleman Cliven Bundy, his two sons, Ammon Bundy and Ryan Bundy, and Ryan Payne began Monday with prosecutors and defense lawyers questioning potential jurors about their beliefs on guns, protests,

the government, ranching and the impact of the Oct. 1 mass shooting on the city’s famous strip.

The four defendants are accused of conspiring to block federal agents from enforcing court orders to confiscate the Bundys’ cattle on public land near the family ranch in Bunkerville in April 2014 after the patriarch failed to pay grazing fees for years.

They’re also accused of using or carrying a firearm in a crime of violence, threatening a federal law enforcement officer, obstruction of justice and extortion.

Ryan Bundy, representing himself, posed his own questions from a podium before a group of nearly 50 potential jurors.

“I am a true Nevadan. I was born on Nevada Day,”

he said, referencing Halloween — the day Nevada was declared a U.S. state. He turns 45 today. “I thank you for being here. It’s been a long time coming.”

Ryan Bundy, now sporting a bushy blond mustache, complained to the jury pool that he hasn’t been allowed a razor in custody, only to be cut off by a prosecutor and admonished by the judge.

The judge instructed Ryan Bundy to ask questions and not make statements.

He did tell jurors of the accident he had at age 7, when a car ran over his head, causing paralysis to the left side of his face. He asked: “Anyone not able to look beyond my facial paralysis” in deciding innocence or guilt? There was silence.

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SPORTS

Timbers open playoffs with tie on the road

Portland holds Houston to a 0-0 Western Conference semifinal opener with two big saves from Jeff Attinella, but three big injuries — Diego Chara, Darlington Nagbe and Larrys Mabiala don’t help an already depleted roster heading into next week. B1

